

Esau Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

If you were interviewing Esau for a job, how would you describe his personality and habits?

Was the trading of the birthright for food an uncharacteristic mistake for him?

How did his marriages reveal his character?

Romans 9:13 states of God, "Jacob I loved but Esau I hated." Is that surprising?

Contrast Jacob and Esau in their attitude towards the birthright and the blessing?

Why should that attitude matter to God?

Philippians 3:18-19 states "...many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things." How does that make them enemies and destined for destruction?

Ephesians 2: 3 states, "All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath." Does that describe Esau?

Before coming to the Lord are we all objects of God's wrath?

Why did Jacob fight the angel, insisting he would not stop until he had a blessing?

Does this imply that he had recognition of his need?

Does all this explain why Jacob was loved and Esau was hated?

Hebrews 11:6 states, "And without faith it is impossible to please Him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." How does that apply to Esau? What did he miss and why?

Does the need for seeking , asking and knocking conflict with salvation by grace through faith?

Do some people think that God should have just given salvation to everybody? Do some think that He did?

Why did He not do so?

Romans 1:18 states, "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness..." Is wrath the same as hatred?

Romans 1:24 goes on to say, "Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts..." Could that "giving over" be for the purpose of leading them to repentance?

Matthew 7:7 states, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." What does it imply for those who do not ask, seek or knock?

Can contentment be both a personal strength and also be a personal weakness?

What might Isaac and Rebekah have done to change the outcome for their sons?

Do you know people today who are not interested in anything spiritual or intangible?